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**MEDIA NOTE**

Ambassador CdeBaca to Speak at “Women in the World: Stories and Solutions,” a Three-Day Summit Showcasing Stories of Outstanding Women Leaders

The Daily Beast’s first annual Women in the World Summit (March 12-14 at The Hudson Theatre in New York City) highlights the work of women activists from around the world who are fighting the challenges that hold back women and girls, including sex trafficking. Expected to attend are Meryl Streep, Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan, Diane von Furstenberg, and many others, including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Under Secretary Maria Otero, and Ambassador Melanne Vermeer. Ambassador CdeBaca will be interviewed on stage by Daily Beast founder and editor in chief Tina Brown, as part of the “Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery” panel on Saturday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. He will then be joined by leading activists and survivors of human trafficking.

Ambassador Luis CdeBaca was appointed by President Obama to direct the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the Department of State, where he serves as a Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He is the United States’ lead envoy in the global fight against contemporary forms of slavery.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. CdeBaca was one of the country's most-decorated federal prosecutors, liberating hundreds of victims. He was instrumental in drafting the United States’ anti-trafficking law, and in developing the victim-centered approach to combating modern slavery that has become the global standard.

The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) leads the U.S. Government’s efforts to fight human trafficking by developing and implementing the State Department’s policy for the protection of trafficking victims, prosecution of traffickers, and prevention of trafficking. Each year, G/TIP submits to Congress the *Trafficking in Persons Report* (TIP Report) on foreign governments’ efforts to eliminate severe forms of trafficking in persons. The Department of State views the TIP Report as a tool to increase awareness, highlight efforts of the international community, and encourage foreign governments to take effective action against all forms of trafficking in persons.

Ambassador CdeBaca will be available for interviews. Please contact Public Affairs Specialist Talley Sergent for interviews at (202) 445-9672 or [SergentRT@state.gov](mailto:SergentRT@state.gov).

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